



## Victor Ray Smith

November 12, 1959 - January 5, 2025

Victor Ray Smith was born on November 12, 1959, into the holy union of Mr. Daniel K. Smith and Mrs. Ellis Strayhorn Smith. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Greater Zion Baptist Church in Huntsville, TX, where he remained member throughout his life. On January 5, 2025, Victor transitioned from this life to his eternal home.

Victor was educated in the Huntsville Independent School District and graduated from Huntsville High School in 1978. He pursued higher education at the Austin Community College (Austin, Texas), Texas Southern University (Houston, Texas), and the University of Houston where he earned his degree in 1992. A dedicated professional, Victor worked for the Texas Workforce Agency, where he eventually retired after many years of service.

Victor adored his niece (Charaye) and his nephew (Rashaad). The joy that he expressed in being a part of their lives was pure love. He gushed at how smart they were and was proud to watch them become the highly accomplished adults that they are today.

Victor was a passionate athlete who enjoyed softball and volleyball, playing in intramural leagues in both Austin and Houston, TX, for several decades. His love for sports began in high school, where he also competed as a track athlete.

Victor leaves to cherish his memory his loving mother, Ellis Strayhorn Smith; his sister, Charlotte Smith-Brown (Freddie), his aunts, Alice Murray, Sadie Strayhorn, Ophelia Smith, and Annabelle Smith; niece Charaye and nephew Rashaad Brown of Houston, TX; a cherished group of lifelong friends known as "The Dreamers," including Marcia Williams Cromer, Pamela Williams, Diana Smith Johnson, Freida Bookman, and Janice Mays Niawrocki; as well as a host of cousins and many dear friends.

Victor's life was a testament to faith, love, and the pursuit of happiness. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

# Cemetery Details

## Northside Cemetery

Huntsville, TX

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Zion MBC  
426 Highway 190 E  
Huntsville, TX

## Celebration Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Cordell & Valencia Marshall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Victor Ray Smith.*



**Cordell & Valencia Marshall** - May 06, 2025 at 01:25 PM

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“ *From Michelle Warren and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Victor Ray Smith.*



**From Michelle Warren and family** - January 16, 2025 at 04:41 PM

CB

“ *Cathy, Charles, Amber, & Arrianna Brewer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Victor Ray Smith.*



**Cathy, Charles, Amber, & Arrianna Brewer** - January 12, 2025 at 04:07 PM

CB

“ *Cathy, Charles, Amber, & Arrianna Brewer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Victor Ray Smith.*

**Cathy, Charles, Amber, & Arrianna Brewer** - January 12, 2025 at 04:07 PM

RB

“ *Sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: “Jesus plainly told her: I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” —John 11:20-25.*

**R Bell** - January 07, 2025 at 11:50 AM



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**A Life Celebration by Franklin** - January 07, 2025 at 02:55 AM